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Honorable Stephen J. Solarz, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of 8 July 1981 requesting a briefing on the political and economic issues in Southwest Asia and also a briefing on the special activities, if any, in support of the Afghan freedom fighters.

We will be pleased to arrange for your Subcommittee to be briefed on political and economic issues in Southwest Asia at a mutually convenient time. With regard to your request for a briefing on special activities, if any, I must maintain the position outlined to you in my letter of 30 May. As I indicated in that letter, I believe that the clear intent of Congress was that the needs of your Committee for information about special activities are to be met through those Members of your Committee who serve concurrently on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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